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to oversee it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, how much more exposure do we...let's...let's assume for the moment that we didn't pass a bill till next year. We would have...first of all, is there a statute of limitations on these claims? How far back can we go here?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I don't know if I could answer that, but I would assume that they are on an ongoing basis. If they've been...if they've been covered and not a claims against the state, I don't think you can go back, but I'm not...I'm not sure on that. I don't see...the counties that aren't applying for these claims or the county attorneys doing that, I think that they've seen it as not a large part of their operation and they've gone ahead and done it, so they haven't indicated they'll go back and grab ones in the past.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, without establishing how far back they can go, at least for this year in which currently claims are being made, all of the other county attorneys could theoretically...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and may well...and, in fact, they're beginning to file additional claims, right?

SENATOR CONNEALY: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And if we don't pass the bill till next year, there will be...or make some adjustment, there will be another whole year's worth of claims from the 93 counties going through the miscellaneous claims process, right?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, and to this point, and we're only in...in March, there are 35 claims right now on ALRs. So it's going to be a larger number than it was last year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And a larger number of counties are starting to apply.